

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
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	<b>Change Request 6689</b>

**Subject:** Elimination of National Standard Format (NSF) Code from the VMS System

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The VMS shared system maintainer is directed to eliminate obsolete NSF code from their system

New / Revised Material

Effective Date: April 1, 2010 for analysis and design

July 1, 2010 for design

October 1, 2010 for testing and implementation

Implementation Date: April 5, 2010 for analysis and design

July 6, 2010 for design

October 4, 2010 for testing and implementation

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
N/A	
N/A	
N/A	

**III. FUNDING:**

**SECTION A:** For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

**SECTION B:** For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to

be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

#### **IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

##### **One-Time Notification**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*



Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTH ER
		M A C	M A C				F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	None.										

#### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Currently the development time is increased when new data elements are added to the remittance advice because the data has to be processed in multiple formats throughout the process. By removing this obsolete code, future development time will be greatly reduced when additional claim data is required to produce a remittance advice.

Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below:

*Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	None

**Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space:**

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#### VI. FUNDING

**Section A: For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), and/or Carriers:**

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